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To: Forese-Web
Subject: EPCOR Water Arizona - Tubac Rate Case

WS-01303A-14-0010

Dear Commissioner Forese:

We are writing today to ask you to please deny the proposed water rate increase sought by EPCOR. We are senior citizen residents in Tubac, Az. and the proposal to raise our water rates by 88% is unnecessarily punitive to our small community. To have our bills increase from about \$55.00 to over \$100.00 per month would wreak havoc with our finances and cause significant hardship to the families in our community. How can such a rate request be justifiable? For many reasons it does not seem likely that it is.

When EPCOR purchased this district from Arizona American Water, the company was well aware of the small customer base in Tubac and the fact that the profit here would never be that of the larger water districts, which are also run by the company. For them to come back and argue for this outrageous increase defies the logic of the business decision they made in acquiring it.

It should be remembered that there are many districts under EPCOR management and that each district has unique circumstances and characteristics. Why should residents of Tubac be required to pay 3 or 4 TIMES what the residents of EPCOR's other districts pay? For the overall company to be profitable, it should NOT be necessary to make each individual district its own profit center. By consolidating the rates, Tubac would benefit from the balancing effect of the rates paid by the larger communities. The rates which those other districts pay is already tremendously lower than that paid in our small town. That in itself is unfair.

We ask the you and the ACC ensure that the residents of Arizona are treated equitably in matters of utility costs. Please take the necessary action to see that EPCOR stands with ALL its customers in providing water at fair and balanced manner. We in Tubac cannot and should not withstand the financial difficulty posed by this current proposal.

Thank you for your attention.

Susan and Robert Maurer
Tubac, Arizona

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